September 8, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, September 15, 2003 - 12:00 noon MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room 302 North 1st Avenue. Phoenix

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A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 968-4474 or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2 <u>Approval of the August 18, 2003 Executive</u> <u>Committee Meeting Minutes</u>
- 3. Regional Transportation Plan Update

An update will be provided on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee. The TPC will consider taking action on the Regional Transportation Plan at their September 17th meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

- 2. Review and approve the August 18, 2003 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
- 3. Information and discussion.

4. Regional Town Hall

On March 28, 2003, MAG held its First Annual Regional Town Hall to discuss transportation. If the town hall is held annually, staff would need to begin preparing soon. Staff will provide information on the budget and participation from the first town hall. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. 2004 Desert Peaks Awards

On February 26, 2003, the Regional Council deferred the 2003 Desert Peaks Awards Dinner to be reconsidered the following year. The potential for holding the Desert Peaks Awards in 2004 was included in the Unified Planning Work Program. If the awards ceremony is held in 2004, staff will need to begin planning in January 2004. The financial information and options that were presented to the Regional Council in February are enclosed.

6. Regional Task Force on Arts and Culture

A Regional Task Force on Arts and Culture is chaired by Drew Brown of DMB Construction and the members include corporate representatives, elected officials, and education and art representatives. The focus of this task force is on the vitality of the arts organizations and integrating recreational and cultural amenities into our communities. A brief update will be provided on the Regional Task Force on Arts and Culture and its impact on the region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Adjournment

4. Information, discussion and possible action to initiate planning for the 2nd Annual Town Hall.

5. Information, discussion and possible action to review and approve the revenues, expenditures, and options for the 2004 Desert Peaks Awards.

6. Information and discussion.